

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jan 58		2. LOCATION Bitburg, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluati <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0627Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Irregular	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj, size of dime at arm's length; color red, greenish yellow & slightly blue w/irregular flight path. Generally moving to overhead position. Side to side motion.				11. COMMENTS Obj has characteristics of a balloon observation.	

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Reference AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 54 (Add! Observed object for 3 minutes, gave color in detail, yet could not give precise shape?)

1. Description:

- a. Shape - Unknown
- b. Size - dime
- c. Color - Red, greenish yellow, slight blue
- d. Number - One
- e. N/A
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative

2. Description of Course of Object

- a. What first called the attention of the observer?
Irregular flight path.
- b. Angle and Azimuth when first observed.
45 degrees
- c. Angle and elevation upon disappearance of object;
80 degrees to 90 degrees
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object.
Jagged flight path, generally moving to overhead position as it darted from side to side.
- e. Negative
- f. Length of time in sight.
app. three (3) minutes.

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground visual.
- b. Negative
- c. N/A

4. Time and date of Sighting:
30 JAN 0627Z

5. Location of Observer:
4957N 0633E, ZULU Hangar, Bitburg Air Base

6. Identifying information of observers:

- a. Negative
- b. [REDACTED] 1/Lt USAF, 22 Ftr Day Sqdn., Pilot, Excellent

7. Weather and Winds

- a. Observers account:
Clear and two miles visibility.
- b. Winds - surface 240 deg. 10kts. - 0600L
- 10,000 230 " 16 2400L
- 16,000 230 " 20 "
- 20,000 230 " 30 "
- 30,000 230 " 40 "
- 50,000 310 " 20 "
- 80,000 not available
- c. Ceiling
None
- d. Visibility
2 miles

DAWN

Note: Near & at dawn: See Rich files on balloons re effect of morning sun's rays off balloon surfaces (red, orange, mercury, yellow, etc)

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e. None

f. None

8. Negative

9. N/A

10. Negative

11. Comments of Preparing Officer:

Object could possibly be a balloon or helicopter.

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(THIS SECTOR OF THE SKY IN DARKNESS)

PORTION OF BALLOON VISIBLE
OFTEN APPEARS DISC OR AS
"SAUCER SHAPED"

?

AIRCRAFT OBSERVING
ONLY PORTION
OF BALLOON

SUN BEHIND HORIZON

BALLOON AT MEDIUM
OR HIGH ALTITUDE

GROUND OBSERVER

(THIS SECTOR OF THE SKY IN SUNLIGHT)

Sketch purposely exaggerated to emphasize
the phenomena

